



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL
INSPECTIONS**

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Wednesday, August 13, 2014

10:00 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (14-3703)

Attachments: [AUDIO](#)

Call to Order. (14-3501)

Chairperson Montaña called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Chairperson Montaña led in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

Present: Chairperson Eleanor R. Montaña, Vice Chairperson Frank S. Bacio, Commissioner Barbara Bigby, Commissioner Donald S. Andrews and Commissioner Susan Burton

Excused: Commissioner Cheryl Grills Ph.D. and Commissioner Anne S. Hill

Staff present: Bolaji Famuyiwa and Roy Sinclair (14-3722)

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

1. Approval of the July 30, 2014 Minutes. (14-3503)

On motion of Commissioner Barbara Bigby, seconded by Commissioner Donald S. Andrews, unanimously carried, this item was approved.

Attachments: [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

II. REPORTS

2. Chairperson's Report on various items for August 6, 2014. (14-3504)

Chair Montaña shared the following articles with the Commissioners:

Los Angeles Times:

- Chief Beck Wins Second Term (August 13, 2014)
- Audit of Sheriff's Data Ordered (August 13, 2014)
- Foster Care Cases to Remain Public (August 9, 2014)
- Report Rebukes Baca, Tanaka (August 8, 2014)
- Hostage didn't Resemble Suspect (August 8, 2014)
- Record Shows Deputy Sent Texts Before Fatal Accident (August 7, 2014)
- The Supes and The Sheriff (August 7, 2014)
- Civilian Oversight for Sheriff's Dept. Denied (August 6, 2014)
- Policing the Sheriff (August 5, 2014)
- Calls for L.A. Sheriff Oversight Renewed (August 4, 2014)
- Real Oversight for the Sheriff (August 3, 2014)

Daily Breeze:

- Former Sheriff Official Baca, Tanaka Blasted by Watchdog (August 10, 2014)
- Supervisors Reject Civilian Oversight Proposal (August 6, 2014)

3. Treasurer's Report for August 13, 2014. (14-3505)

Vice Chairperson Bacio reported that on July 2, 2014 the bank statement balance of the Commission's Charitable Fund was \$1,499.61. However, after an expenditure of \$84.46, the current Commission's Charitable Fund balance is \$1,415.15.

During discussion, the Commissioners recommended that funds should be designated to purchase breakfast for the August 19, 2014, Sybil Brand Commission (SBC) Scholarship Program.

On motion of Commissioner Barbara Bigby, seconded by Commissioner Donald S. Andrews, unanimously carried, the Commission approved the purchase of breakfast for the August 19, 2014, SBC Program in an amount not to exceed \$200.00.

4. Staff Report on Correspondence Received, and Department Representative Reports for August 13, 2014. (14-3507)

Staff reported that a letter requesting funds to purchase breakfast for the August 19, 2014, Scholarship Program was submitted to the Fourth Supervisorial District. Staff will follow up and notify the Commissioners once a status of the request is received.

5. Review of Group Home Compliance Monitoring Audit Reports presented on August 13, 2014. (14-3508)

In Compliance:

- **Chairperson Montañño and Commissioner Andrews visited Bayfront Youth and Family Services "Bayfront" - (Fountain Street, Long Beach, CA), on August 7, 2014 and Pacific Lodge - (Serrania Avenue, Woodland Hills, CA), on August 12, 2014.**
- **Vice Chairperson Bacio and Commissioner Bigby visited Rosemary's Children's Services "Rosemary's Cottage" - (E. Green Street, Pasadena, CA), on August 5, 2014.**

Non Compliance:

- **Chairperson Montañño and Commissioner Andrews visited Children Are Our Future "West Hills" - (Faust Avenue, Canoga Park, CA), on August 8, 2014 and noted that the facility required many repairs (Broken garage door, Needs and Services Plans were not on-site, broken cabinet, dirty toilet in bathrooms #1 and #2; missing dresser drawers in Bedroom #1) . A Corrective Action Plan Response Form was submitted and staff was directed to forward copies of the report to the Board of Supervisors and Children and Family Services Department; and Lifecircles Group Home - (Louvre Street, Pacoima, CA), on August 11, 2014 and noted that the food supply was low, hot water heater needs to be strapped, kitchen is outdated and old medications need to be recycled. Staff was directed to forward copies of the report to the Board of Supervisors and Children and Family Services Department.**

Not Home:

- **Commissioner Bigby visited Five Acres "Solita Group Home" - (Solita Road, Pasadena, CA), on August 1, 2014 and noted no one was home.**

6. Commissioners' Reports on Group Home and/or Detention Facilities Inspections from July 31, 2014 to August 12, 2014. (14-3509)

During the reporting period, the following Group Homes/Facilities were reported as being in satisfactory condition:

- **Chairperson Montaña and Commissioner Andrews visited Twin Towers - (Bauchet Street, Los Angeles, CA) on August 6, 2014; and Positive Path Youth Development Center, Inc. "Positive Path" - (Neptune Avenue, Carson, CA) on July 31, 2014.**
- **Vice Chairperson Bacio visited Temple City Sheriff's Station - (E. Las Tunas Drive, Temple City, CA) on August 7, 2014; and Eggleston Youth Center V - (W. La Verne Avenue, Pomona, CA) on July 31, 2014.**

During the reporting period, the following Group Home was reported as being in unsatisfactory condition:

- **Commissioner Bigby visited Children Are Our Future "Howard House" - (Mayall Street, Chatsworth, CA) on August 12, 2014 and noted that all six bedrooms need new mattresses, Bathroom #1 needs hole repaired behind the toilet and hole in the door of Bedroom #3. A Corrective Action Response Form was issued to the group home staff. Commissioner Bigby will revisit the group home in 30 days.**

III. MISCELLANEOUS

Matters Not Posted

7. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action came to the attention of the Committee subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (14-3510)

There were no matters presented for a future agenda.

Public Comment

8. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (14-3511)

There were no members of the public present to address the Commission.

Adjournment

9. Adjournment for the meeting of August 13, 2014. (14-3512)

There being no further business, Chairperson Montaña adjourned the meeting of August 13, 2014 at 11:07 a.m. in memory of actor Robin Williams.